REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependent claim status and improve readability.

Claims 1 and 2 have been combined. Also, claim 1 has been amended to recite the molten bath is substantially free from MgCl₂ as supported by the specification on page 7, line 26-page 8, line 4. Dependent claims have been amended consistent with the amendment to claim 1.

New claims 11 and 12 are supported by original claim 5. Claim 13 is supported by original claim 7. Claim 14 is supported by original claim 9.

No new matter is presented by the above amendments.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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